

SENATE BILL 570  
By Kyle

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 3,  
Chapter 15; Title 4 and Title 12, relative to  
diversity in state contracting and procurement.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 3, Chapter 15, is amended by adding  
the following language as a new part:

Section 3-15-1101.

(a) There is created a select oversight committee of the general assembly to be  
known as the diversity business enterprise committee.

(b) The oversight committee shall be composed of six (6) members. Three (3)  
senators, one (1) from each grand division, shall be appointed by the speaker of  
the senate. Three (3) representatives, one (1) from each grand division, shall be  
appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives. During the  
organizational session of each general assembly, the respective speakers shall  
appoint, or reappoint, members to serve on the oversight committee. The  
committee shall elect from its membership a chair, a vice chair and such other  
officers as it considers necessary. Any vacancies occurring on the oversight  
committee, between organizational sessions, shall be filled in the same manner  
as the original appointments by the respective speakers.

(c) The oversight committee, at the call of the chair, shall periodically review and  
evaluate diversity in state contracting and procurement, including, but not limited  
to, reviewing current statutes and regulations concerning minority owned

business opportunities. The committee may coordinate with the governor's office of diversity business enterprise in fulfilling its duties.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.